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MEANS AND METHODS FOR MONITORING PROTEASE INHIBITOR ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY AND GUIDING THERAPEUTIC DECISIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF

HIV/AIDS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 19, 2001 NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 19, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A response to the June 19, 2001 Office Action was originally due August 19, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time from August 19, 2001 to September 19, 2001. The fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity is FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. Applicants have previously established small entity status. Accordingly, a response to the June 19, 2001 Office Action is now due September 19, 2001 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

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